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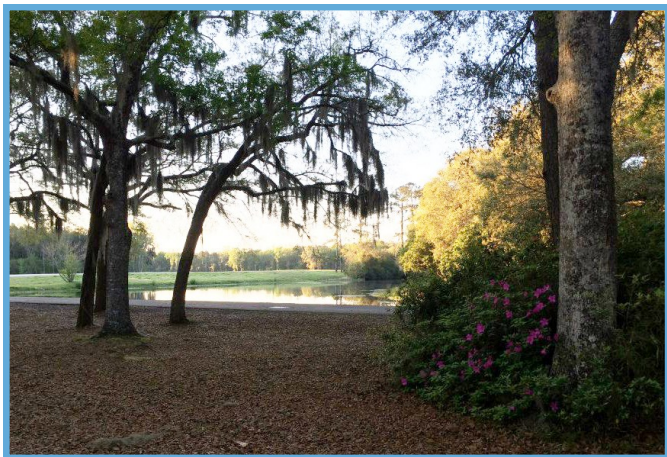
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SPECIAL EDITION

EXTRA..EXTRA...READ ALL ABOUT IT!
ITPA 2023 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY — APRIL 21-24
IN HINESVILLE, GA

Hinesville, GA is a beautiful place to be in the spring. It's also the home of the ITPA National Office and the ITPA Telephone Museum. And...it's also the location of our upcoming annual Spring Assembly this year!



ITPA President JoAnn Esposito and her assembly committee are already working hard to make this year's assembly meaningful and enjoyable for everyone.

Inside this special edition you'll find everything you need to know to register for the 2023 spring assembly make hotel reservations. You'll also find some travel tips and restaurant recommendations, along with some highlights of Hinesville and surrounding areas. (Did you know our national headquarters office is less than one hour's drive to beautiful historic Savannah, Georgia? Or that Hinesville is home to the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River? Or, most importantly...that you can reunited and reconnect with some wonderful ITPA Pioneers when you attend this year's convention?)

If you're not already convinced to register and attend this year's spring assembly, keep reading!

Rocky hopes to see everyone real soon!





From ITPA 1st Vice President JoAnn Esposito:



JoAnn Esposito
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I retired recently after 40 years in the telecommunications industry and I'm looking forward to serving as president of one the finest volunteer organizations serving communities throughout the United States.



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I'm particularly excited about our upcoming 31st ITPA Annual Assembly, which will be held from April 21 - April 24. I selected Hinesville, GA as the location for this year's annual assembly. Hinesville is the home of our National Office and Museum. Fort Stewart (Army Airfield and base) is also located near our museum.



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The ITPA National Assembly provides a time for ITPA Chapters and Clubs to share their community service projects, honor those who have contributed to the industry during our Hall of Fame Luncheon and celebrate the preservation of Telephony and going forward telecommunications.

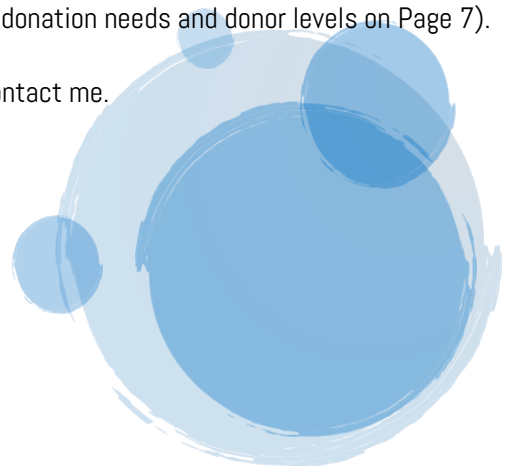


<https://www.nationalitpa.com/>

During the Assembly, I will be inducted for the second time as **ITPA National President**. I am personally asking for your support of our 31st Annual ITPA Assembly. Please consider donating to help make this year's assembly a resounding success. See donation needs and donor levels on Page 7).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Esposito
1st Vice President, ITPA





Registration Form

Hinesville, GA
April 21-24, 2023

ITPA 31st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Member Name _____ Name of Guest _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter/Club Affiliation _____

First-time Assembly attendee? Yes _____ No _____ (Grant Application available by contacting national office)

Registration fee includes the following meals and activities:

- Friday : Meet and Greet Dinner/Opening Ceremony
- Saturday: Savannah Tours (Meals on your own)
- Sunday: Business Meeting/Hall of Fame Luncheon/ Awards ceremony
Evening: Dinner/Installation of Officers/Entertainment

Saturday afternoon/evening activities (No refunds will be issued and you will not be able to sign up at assembly)

☐ Savannah Old Town Trolley Tour

The extraordinary architecture, lush botanicals, and captivating stories of this historic, coastal city make for an unforgettable vacation experience. For more than 30 years, Old Town Trolley Tours has provided sightseeing tours highlighting the best attractions in Savannah. Hop aboard one of our trolleys and you'll experience Transpertainment, a delightful combination of transportation and entertainment. Our friendly conductors will narrate the tour with a fascinating and fun mix of trivia and humorous stories. It will be our pleasure to guide you through "Georgia's First City" on one of our orange and green trolleys. This is a hop on, hop off all day tour including 15 stops, 100 points of interest, and a 90 minute live narrated tour. Transportation to Savannah provided.

☐ I will need transportation for the tour.

☐ I do not want to take a tour.

Registration fee: Payment for registration must accompany this form. Check the appropriate options below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ITPA Member | \$130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | \$130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Old Town Trolley Tour | \$40 x number of participants _____ |

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please send registration form and check payable to ITPA to: ITPA, 438 W. Oglethorpe Hwy, Hinesville, GA 31313

Hotel Accommodations: Hampton Inn Hinesville, 1148 E Oglethorpe Hwy, Hinesville, GA 31313

Room Rate- \$129 per night plus tax

For reservations email JoAnn Esposito- espogirl56@yahoo.com

Deadline to make hotel reservations- March 1, 2023

Deadline to register for Assembly- March 17, 2023

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received **after April 1, 2023** are non-refundable.



Dear Chapter and Club Presidents, Board Members, Pioneers and Family:

This year marks the ITPA's 31st Annual Assembly, to be held in Hinesville, GA on April 21 - April 24. The weekend will be filled with fun and games as well as meetings and get togethers. Planning for the weekend events is well underway and I need your help.

I'm asking all chapters and clubs, board members and club members to help me fill goody bags for assembly attendees (and I hope all of you will attend).

If your chapter and/or club can donate items for our goody bags, I will be personally grateful. Items such as pens, small note pads, snacks etc. will be appreciated. Any other small items will also be greatly appreciated.

You can bring your goody bag donations to the assembly or you can send them to your RVP or to me at:

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Thank you for your support!

JoAnn Esposito – 1st Vice President



Hampton Inn—Hinesville Location of ITPA's 31st Annual Assembly



The Hampton Inn in Hinesville, Georgia features an outdoor pool and all rooms include 32-inch flat-screen cable TV. Every room is furnished with a microwave and a refrigerator and includes coffee facilities.

Hinesville Hampton Inn features a business center and offers free access to the nearby YMCA. An on-site gym is also available.

For added convenience, laundry facilities are also available at the hotel.



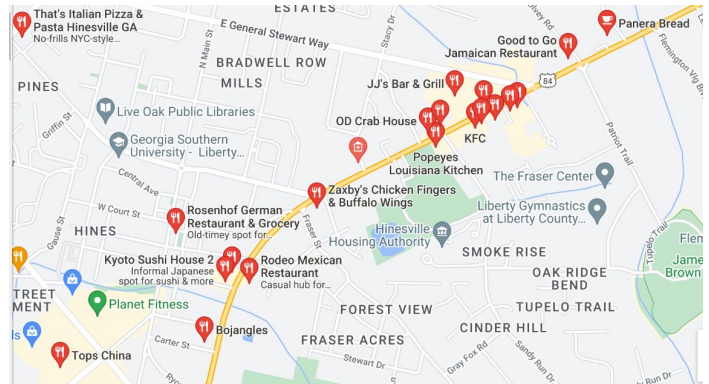
The hotel is 34 miles from the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport and is 1.2 miles from Fort Stewart. A number of restaurants are also nearby.

The Hampton Inn is offering a special room rate of \$129 per night plus tax to assembly attendees.

Please contact JoAnn Esposito to reserve your room by email to:
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Where to Eat in Hinesville?

Numerous dining options are just a short distance from the Hampton Inn Hinesville (1148 E Oglethorpe Hwy).



If you're in the mood for some Jamaican cuisine, visit **Good to Go Jamaican Restaurant** at 1050 E Oglethorpe Hwy.

Or if you're in the mood for German food, **Zum Rosenhof German Restaurant & Grocery** is just a short drive.

You'll have several options for delicious Mexican cuisine. Among them, **Rodeo Mexican Restaurant** is at 304 W Oglethorpe Hwy.

If you're wanting some Southern comfort food, try **Margie's Southern Cooking** or **Izola's Country Cooking** at 809 Willowbrook Dr Ste 106.

If it's barbeque you're craving, consider **Hog N Bones** at 762 Veteran's Parkway.

For steak, you can visit **LongHorn Steak House** at 825 W. Oglethorpe Hwy.

You'll also find the usuals in Hinesville, including Waffle House, Applebees, Panera Zaxby's and a long list of others.

Bon Appetit!



What to do in Hinesville

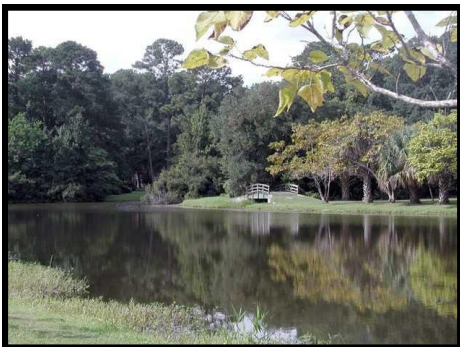
Located in Liberty County, Georgia, the historic city of Hinesville is home to more than 33,000 people. Wondering what to do when you visit? Here are some recommendations.

The **ITPA Telephone Museum** features a treasure trove of telephony artifacts. The museum includes a vast collection of telephones and telephone equipment from the early days of telecommunication.

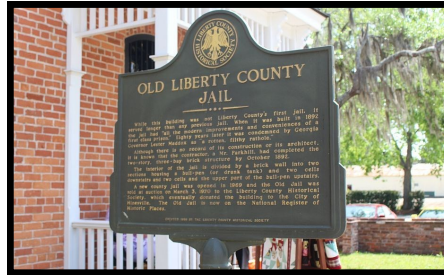
Children and adults alike are fascinated to see how the telephone evolved from the solid wood, wall-mounted, hand cranked, operator-directed, simplistic designs of the past to today's pocket-sized, touch-screen, cellular phones.



Bryant Commons is a beautiful 150-acre site. Weddings, receptions, festival and corporate events are held here, but it's also offers the opportunity for peace and quiet reflection.



The Old Liberty County Jail has a rich history, and is well worth a visit. Built in 1892, the Old Liberty County Jail served as the county jail until 1970.



The building serves as a tool to educate people about the history of the city, and it is also a venue for exhibits. In addition, the Old Liberty County Jail is also a popular ghost hunting destination.

History buffs will not want to miss the **Fort Stewart 3rd Infantry Division Museum**. This 14,000 square ft. museum features the history of Fort Stewart.

The museum focuses on the local military history. It teaches visitors about the crucial events that have happened since Camp Stewart opened in 1941.

The museum displays artifacts such as guns, uniforms, and other things such as portraits that showcase the history of the place.



Beautiful **Historic Savannah** is a short drive from Hinesville and it's worth spending an extra day to visit.



Savannah is a coastal city, separated from South Carolina by the Savannah River. The city is rich with beautifully manicured parks and antebellum architecture. The historic district is filled with cobblestoned squares and parks shaded by oak trees covered with Spanish moss.

Be sure to visit Forsyth Park, a majestic 30-acre park that features the city's most well known fountain. Installed in 1858 and modeled after the fountains at the Place de la Concorde in Paris, the fountain is at the northern edge of the park.

When strolling through the park you may come across local artisans, dog walkers, readers, and those who are there for tranquility and quiet.



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31st Annual Assembly April 21-24, 2023

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Thank you for your support!